

REFERENCE TITLE: ACC; study; investor-owned electric utilities

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Introduced by
Representative Abraham

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A CORPORATION COMMISSION STUDY ON A COMMUNITY CHOICE
AGGREGATION PILOT PROGRAM; APPROPRIATING MONIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Corporation commission; study on community choice
3 aggregation pilot program; investor-owned
4 electric utilities; report; delayed repeal

5 A. The corporation commission shall open a docket to study a
6 potential community choice aggregation pilot program within the service
7 areas of investor-owned electric utilities in this state. The corporation
8 commission shall study a potential pilot program that would allow persons
9 within a community choice aggregation pilot program to opt back in to
10 electric service provided by their previous investor-owned electric
11 utility. The corporation commission may accept testimony and
12 documentation from all of the following to assist in its study and
13 determination:

- 14 1. Local governments with declared goals relating to carbon
15 emissions or energy supply choices.
- 16 2. Business groups.
- 17 3. Environmental advocates.
- 18 4. Consumer advocates.
- 19 5. Electric utilities, including investor-owned electric utilities,
20 municipally owned electric utilities and cooperative electric
21 associations.
- 22 6. Independent power producers.
- 23 7. Renewable energy developers.
- 24 8. Consultants or other experts in energy project financing.
- 25 9. Consultants or other experts in energy efficiency and
26 distributed energy resources.
- 27 10. Representatives of operational community choice aggregation
28 authorities.
- 29 11. Members of the public.
- 30 12. Other interested parties.

31 B. The corporation commission shall determine all of the following:
32 1. The best options to conduct a community choice aggregation pilot
33 program, including ideal locations and best practices.
34 2. What legal, monetary and practical hurdles may block the
35 implementation of a community choice aggregation pilot program.
36 3. What is necessary to ensure a community choice aggregation pilot
37 program provides sustainable, affordable and reliable electric service.
38 4. What is necessary to ensure a community choice aggregation pilot
39 program contains sufficient consumer protections and does not harm
40 consumers who are served by an investor-owned electric utility.
41 5. The degree to which a community choice aggregation pilot program
42 may accelerate the transition to clean energy in this state.

1 C. On or before November 1, 2023, the commission shall submit a
2 report of its findings and recommendations to the governor, the president
3 of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives and shall
4 provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state.

5 D. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2023.

6 Sec. 2. Appropriation; corporation commission; community
7 choice aggregation pilot program

8 The sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in
9 fiscal year 2022-2023 to the corporation commission for the corporation
10 commission's study of a community choice aggregation pilot program within
11 the service areas of investor-owned electric utilities in this state.